

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and Interstate Cooperation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 638, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to a township in a county
- 3 containing a consolidated city."
- 4 Page 1, line 5, delete "1." and insert "2."
- 5 Page 1, line 8, delete "2." and insert "3."
- 6 Page 1, line 11, delete "3." and insert "4."
- 7 Page 2, delete lines 3 through 8, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 8 "Sec. 5. (a) The township trustees, with the approval of a
- 9 majority of the members of the township legislative body of each
- 10 township that wants to merge township governments under this
- 11 chapter must comply with this section.
- 12 (b) The township trustees must present identical resolutions
- 13 approving the township government merger to the trustees'
- 14 respective township legislative bodies. A township legislative body
- 15 may adopt a resolution under this chapter only after the legislative
- 16 body has held a public hearing concerning the proposed merger.
- 17 The township legislative body shall hold the hearing not earlier
- 18 than thirty (30) days after the date the resolution is introduced. The
- 19 hearing shall be conducted in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5 and
- 20 notice of the hearing shall be published in accordance with
- 21 IC 5-3-1.

1 (c) The township legislative bodies may adopt the identical
 2 resolutions approving the township government merger under this
 3 chapter not later than ninety (90) days after the legislative body has
 4 held the public hearing under subsection (b). The townships shall
 5 submit the resolutions to the county legislative body of the county
 6 within which the townships are located."

7 Page 2, line 9, delete "(b)" and insert "(d)".

8 Page 2, line 15, delete "(c)" and insert ""(e)".

9 Page 2, line 19, delete "(d)" and insert "(f)".

10 Page 2, line 22, delete "(e)" and insert "(g)".

11 Page 2, line 24, delete "5." and insert "6."

12 Page 2, line 25, after "qualified." insert "An officer elected to
 13 represent the merged township government shall be considered to
 14 be a resident of the territory comprising the new township
 15 government unless the township merger is dissolved under
 16 IC 36-6-1.6."

17 Page 2, line 26, delete "6." and insert "7."

18 Page 2, line 31, delete "7." and insert "8."

19 Page 3, line 12, delete "8." and insert "9."

20 Page 3, line 41, delete "9." and insert "10."

21 Page 4, line 13, delete "10." and insert "11."

22 Page 4, line 30, delete "11." and insert "12."

23 Page 5, between lines 12 and 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:

24 "Sec. 3. (a) Freeholders may initiate proceedings to reestablish
 25 a township government by filing a petition in the office of the
 26 county auditor of the county where the freeholder's land is located.
 27 The petition must be signed by the lesser of:

28 (1) at least ten percent (10%) of; or

29 (2) at least fifty (50);

30 freeholders owning land within the proposed reestablished
 31 township. A petition may also be filed with the county auditor by
 32 a merged township government under a resolution adopted by the

- 1 **legislative body of the township government."**
- 2 Page 5, line 13, delete "Sec. 3. (a)" and insert "**(b)**".
- 3 Page 5, line 19, delete "(b)" and insert "**(c)**".
(Reference is to SB 638 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2.

Senator Riegsecker, Chairperson